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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2004, applicant hereby elects, Group I, Claims 20-41, which is drawn to a semiconductor device.

Applicant's election is made with traverse on the grounds that the embodiments delineated by the examiner are not patentably distinct and therefore constitute a single invention concept.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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